

Savings Firm Tells Rates Of Payment for This Year

American Savings investors will receive the same interest rate of 3 1/2 per cent per annum for the second six months of 1955, it was announced by Reece Dorr, vice president of the savings and loan association. American Savings interest rate was declared in advance for the second half of the year at a regular board of directors meeting last week.

Interest payments for the first six months of 1955 totaling a record high of \$345,000 will be mailed to American Savings investors or credited to their passbook savings accounts on or after June 30.

American Savings also pays interest quarterly on full paid investment certificate savings accounts.

Within recent months American Savings has frequently counseled investors in connection with the investment of trust funds, stated Dorr. "Placement of these funds in savings and loan associations at our high rate of interest is not only legal, but highly recommended for funds of trustees and guardians, for surplus funds of colleges, churches, clubs and other groups, including retirement plans and credit union investments," pointed out American Savings vice president.

CARE OF BLIND
Americans spend about \$150 million per year for the care of the blind, the National society now estimates.

Area Residents Head for High Timber As Vacation Time Hits

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It's obvious from the number of Ellinwoodites taking trips these days that vacation time is here. If the column seems shorter than usual this week, it's because your star reporter, Janet Robinson, is among those happy vacationers. The Orville Robinsons, 4609 Green Meadows, left Saturday June 25th for a week at the High Sierra lakes above Bishop, Lake Tahoe, and Virginia City.

for the trip and they heartily recommend it as a way to travel and camp. JoAnne pointed out that even though campgrounds at Yosemite are very crowded at this time of year, the trailer gave them plenty of privacy for cooking, eating, and sleeping. The Doudnas entertained themselves by fishing, hiking, and swimming.

Tom and Hazel Bishop, 4708 Green Meadows, returned on Wednesday from a three-day trip to Las Vegas.

In the new baby department, Mary and Bud Peffer, 4720 Pacific Coast Hwy., announce the arrival of Janet Lee, 8 pounds 3 1/2 ounces, born June 18th at California Hospital. She was welcomed home by two sisters, Susan and Linda.

In the birthday department, Patty and Jimmy Potter, of 4433 Highgrove, celebrated her ninth and his eighth birthdays by entertaining Janny Robinson and Rita Wrigley at a chicken dinner Saturday evening, June 25. Jimmy was in on the secret but it was a surprise to Patty when the guests appeared to help celebrate her birthday. After dinner the foursome adjourned to the amusement park for a boat ride.

Nancy Lynn Davis, of 4728 Green Meadows, was guest of honor on Saturday, June 25, at a party at her home to celebrate her second birthday. Those attending were Nancy Lynn Brubaker, Kevin and David Grosch, Patty and Pamela Bradley, and Susan Davis, sister of Nancy Lynn. Since Nancy's gift from her parents was a new swing set, entertainment was no problem. Refreshments were a circus cake and ice cream cones.

The Ray Lees, of 4432 Green Meadows, have been having a bit of a very stubborn bug of some kind. Because of it Vickie missed the last day of school, and then Janice and son Greg picked it up.

Kauffman Tract Wins Approval, Two Delayed

The biggest part of \$7,000,000 in new homes planned for Torrance to add to the mushrooming housing construction here was approved last week by the City Council.

However, two applications failed at that time to gain approval.

Approved was the application by Milton Kauffman Construction Corp. to erect 558 homes in a tract south of Torrance Blvd., north of Sepulveda, east of the westerly city limits and west of the prolongation of Anza Ave.

Drainage will be installed and a "natural sump" will be exploited for that purpose.

The request by Cimarron Land Co. to construct 57 homes north of 186th St. was withheld pending determination by the City Attorney as to whether sufficient deposit was made.

Application by James H. Mulligan to build on 27 lots south of 226th St. and west of Ocean Ave. was referred back to the Planning Commission, because drainage in the area failed to have approval of the City Engineer.

Mrs. Theod Now at Home

Mrs. Margy Birdell Theod, wife of Paul A. Theod, Jr., has been released from the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital in El Monte and is at the family home at 22810 Charlotte Dr.

She had been undergoing treatment for poliomyelitis for nine months.

With non-vaccinated public in the vast majority, the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital will continue to be available to any polio patient after the seven-day contagion period regardless of race, religion, residence, color, age or financial status.

Maintained through public contributions, the Sister Kenny Polio Hospital has a staff of 44 medical doctors as well as specially trained therapists and nurses. Its capacity is 116 beds and a respirator ward. The facility is the only one in the West giving the complete Kenny treatment to avoid the crippling after effects of poliomyelitis.



APPROACH CURTAIN TIME . . . Discussing last minute details for "The Moon Is Blue," Hampton Players production, Director Thelma Ledwidge (left) sits with her assistant, Dorothy Tunis. In the scene under discussion (left to right) Mary Jo Pecora of Hermosa (Patty O'Neill), and David Riehl of Redondo (as Donald Gresham) and Jim Reeves of Torrance (as David Slater), discuss the ingredients for a cocktail.

Adult Comedy Outlook Good In Rehearsals

Director Thelma Ledwidge is busy putting final touches on "The Moon Is Blue," scheduled for this week by the Hampton Players. Both she and her assistant, veteran actress Dorothy Tunis of Hollywood Riviera, speak enthusiastically of the prospects for this gay adult comedy.

The production crew has built a beautiful and impressive set under the capable hands of Johnny Rotolante of Torrance and technical advice from Bill Jackson, former professional stage designer. Mary Woodson and Ethel Dugan took their workshop group to do actual construction work on the set last week. Everyone is doing everything possible in this last week before production to make this the best Hampton show yet.

The cast is experienced and talented. Dave Riehl as the young man in the play has had acting roles in New York, Pittsburgh, Pa., and Pomona College before coming to this area. Jim Reeves has played many roles for the group and now enacts the older man, David Slater.

Carl Rogers whose latest role was the difficult lead in "Country Girl" and the tournament show where he received an award, plays the father, Mary Jo Pecora who is youngest and only female member of the cast has played a "natural" in the role of the naive, young girl, Patty O'Neill.

With a large crowd expected early reservations are recommended at FR 5-2371, or arrival at Redondo High School Auditorium, July 8, 9, 15, or 22. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m. The play is recommended for adult only.

Tire Blows, Injures Lad

A large truck tire being inflated by Calvin Donald Stearns, 17, 1957 W. 25th St., Lomita, blew out Thursday at Lomita brake and tire shop, knocking Stearns against the truck bumper and inflicting a 2 1/2-inch gash on his scalp. The injured youth is employed at the shop.

Truck Tools Stolen
Theft of \$189.75 in tools from a parked truck at 1932 W. Pacific Coast Hwy. in Lomita was reported last week to deputy at the Lennox Sheriff's Station. The truck and tools belonged to an Inglewood sign company and the company's employee.

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